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1. An elongated light for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:
an elongated member having a cavity for receiving the elongated light source and
an elongated slit that extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated member.

2. An elongated light according to claim 1 wherein at least part of the
elongated member must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to insert the
elongated light source through the slit and into the cavity.

3. An elongated light according to claim 1 further comprising means for
latching the slit into a closed position.

4. An elongated light according to claim 1 wherein at least part of the cavity
is defined by an at least semi-transparent material that extends from the cavity to an outer
surface of the elongated member.

5. An elongated light according to claim 1 further comprising:
an elongated carrier, the elongated carrier having a slot for receiving the elongated
member, the slot and elongated member being adapted so that the elongated member
and/or the elongated carrier must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to insert
the elongated member into the slot.

6. An elongated light according to claim 5 wherein the slot and elongated

member are adapted so that when the elongated member is in the slot, the elongated carrier provides a closing force to the elongated member to help keep the slit in the elongated member substantially closed.

7. An elongated light according to claim 1 wherein the elongated light source is an Electro-Luminescent wire.

8. An elongated light according to claim 1 wherein the elongated light source is a Linear Emitting Fiber.

9. An elongated light according to claim 1 wherein the slit in the elongated member is normally open so that the elongated light source may be inserted into the cavity, and wherein the elongated member must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to close the slit.

10. An elongated light according to claim 9 further comprising:
an elongated carrier, the elongated carrier having a slot for receiving the elongated member, the slot and elongated member being adapted so that the elongated member and/or the elongated carrier must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to insert the elongated member into the slot; and

the slot and elongated member are adapted so that when the elongated member is in the slot, the elongated carrier provides a closing force to the elongated member to help

keep the slit in the elongated member substantially closed.

11. An elongated light, comprising:

an elongated light source;

an elongated member having a length with a cavity, the cavity extending along at least a major length of the elongated member for receiving the elongated light source; and

an elongated slit that extends along at least a major length of the cavity, the slit extending from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated member.

12. An elongated light according to claim 11 wherein at least part of the elongated member must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to insert the elongated light source through the slit and into the cavity.

13. An elongated light according to claim 11 further comprising means for latching the slit into a closed position.

14. An elongated light according to claim 11 wherein the slit in the elongated member is normally open so that the elongated light source may be inserted into the cavity, and wherein the elongated member must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to close the slit.

15. An elongated light according to claim 11 further comprising:

an elongated carrier, the elongated carrier having a slot for receiving the elongated member, the slot and elongated member being adapted so that the elongated member and/or the elongated carrier must be at least partially elastically deformed or bent to insert the elongated member into the slot; and

the slot and elongated member are adapted so that when the elongated member is in the slot, the elongated carrier provides a closing force to the elongated member to help keep the slit in the elongated member substantially closed.

16. An elongated light according to claim 11 wherein at least part of the cavity is defined by an at least semi-transparent material that extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated member.

17. An elongated light according to claim 11 wherein the elongated light source is an Electro-Luminescent wire.

18. An elongated light according to claim 11 wherein the elongated light source is a Linear Emitting Fiber.

19. An elongated light, comprising:
an electro-luminescent wire;
an elongated member having a length with a cavity, the cavity extending along at least part of the elongated member and being adapted for receiving the electro-

luminescent wire; and

an elongated slit that extends along at least part of the cavity, the slit extending from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated member.

20. An elongated light according to claim 19 wherein at least part of the cavity is defined by an at least semi-transparent material that extends from the cavity to an outer surface of the elongated member.